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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Study of Satellite SIGINT in Crisis Management

1. As a result of a memorandum Admiral Gayler sent to Mr. Packard on 9 February 1971 suggesting that DIA undertake a study of this subject, after discussion with DDS&T and the undersigned, the DCI asked me to discuss this with Admiral Gayler. The purpose was either to head off the study as being potentially troublesome, or to find some more satisfactory solution.

2. I saw Admiral Gayler after the USIB meeting on 18 February, when he told me Mr. Packard had already authorized the study. (This was confirmed by a memorandum from Mr. Packard's office to the DCI.) Admiral Gayler made it clear that his objective was to obtain a more generous portion of the money which was being planned to be spent on [redacted] He claimed that studies of the problem to date had concentrated almost exclusively on the value of imagery in crisis management to the detriment of SIGINT. When I pointed out that irrespective of whether one thought such a study was appropriate at this time or not, it was clearly a community matter which did not fall logically to DIA, Admiral Gayler acknowledged this was so but said that, after all, General Bennett had conducted his recent analysis [redacted] I pointed out that Bennett had done this primarily for his own and not community purposes. Admiral Gayler offered to suggest to General Bennett that he consider his survey as a preliminary to one that would be undertaken by the community and I told Admiral Gayler I would get back to him on the problem as soon as possible.

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3. DDS&T and I then discussed the situation and we agreed less harm would be done if we just let Bennett complete his study and request that we be given a look at it when completed. That same evening, by coincidence, I ran into Admiral Gayler at a dinner party and suggested that he follow this course with General Bennett, which he said he would be glad to do.

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4. On 19 February, I briefed the DCI orally on what had transpired, and he approved.

(Signed) Bronson Tweedy

Bronson Tweedy
D/DCI/NIPE

cc: DDS&T ✓

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